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From a young age, I was captivated by the potential of cutting-edge technology, a fascination that would shape my future.

At 11, I began my technological journey by purchasing my first home computer, a Commodore Vic-20. Little did I know then that this would start a lifelong fascination with cutting-edge technology.

The birth of my daughter on January 06, 1986, was a pivotal moment in my life. Despite the challenges of being a young father, I was unwavering in my commitment to education. I attended night school, graduating from Westport High School in May of 1986, a year ahead of schedule and ranking 11th in my class of 145. This was a testament to my perseverance and drive.

I enrolled in the Electronic Engineering Bachelor of Science program at DeVry Institute of Technology, now DeVry University. The birth of my twin sons on June 8, 1988, and my youngest son on October 16, 1989, further fueled my drive to succeed.

On December 4, 1988, I married my high school sweetheart and mother of all my children. In 2002, I achieved a significant milestone in my career, becoming an I.B.E. W. L.U. 124 journeyman electrician.

In 2011, I took part in the Google Fiber International Challenge competition. My groundbreaking idea of revolutionizing America's voting technology using biometric technology earned me a place among the 19 finalists. While I didn't secure the top spot, I was the sole candidate chosen for an interview by a local channel, the WDAF news station, for my concept of EVoteTechnology®. This acknowledgment was a significant milestone in my journey, affirming the potential of my vision.

On March 1, 2022, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) acknowledged the groundbreaking nature of my invention, EVoteTechnology®, by issuing me a patent, No: 11,263,853. This was followed by my second patent, No: 11,488,272, on November 1, 2022, further solidifying the profound impact of EVoteTechnology® on the future of election integrity.

Guided by a profound sense of purpose, I am dedicated to restoring integrity to our U.S. Presidential elections. I envision a future where my I-Verify Network, powered by my EVoteTechnology® and its advanced biometric and biological authentication protocols, sets a new global standard for election conduct, ensuring transparency and trust in every electoral process.

EVoteTechnology® shall make it possible for every registered voter to be counted and verified, and EVoteTechnology® shall record verification of individual participation (V.I.P.) or a non-participation receipt for each registered voter in every election.

Michael E. McKinzy, Sr., Patentee -April 29, 2024

The present invention relates generally to electronic voting systems and, more particularly, to a system and method that facilitates electronic voting using a three-part voter identification authentication.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The right to vote is a cornerstone of democracy. Government officials who design voting systems are concerned about the credibility of elections and want assurances that voting systems will count every vote correctly. Registered voters select their representatives and express their preferences for maintaining law and order. Naturally, the integrity of the election process is fundamental to the integrity of democracy itself. The election system must be sufficiently robust to withstand a variety of fraudulent behaviors. It must be sufficiently transparent and comprehensible that voters and candidates can accept the results of an election. Unsurprisingly, candidates manipulate elections to influence their outcome, and history is littered with examples of fraud. In the United States of America, the presidential elections of 2000 and 2020 highlighted many problems associated with mechanical voting systems and related voting issues, such as claims of voting fraud. Unfortunately, in the annals of U.S. election history, future voters will reflect not for any substantive policy nor historically significant political issues but, for now, the infamous controversy surrounding hanging chads and multiple recounts (in 2000) and claims of voter fraud (in 2020). In 2020, the election saw a record number of ballots cast early and by mail due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of a large number of mail-in ballots, some so-called voter swing states saw delays in vote counting and reporting. Delayed election results by significant news outlets delaying their projection and high-level vitriol between the respective presidential candidates and their respective political parties. The primary flaws in the current voting systems are the concern of people voting multiple times, deceased voting (i.e., dead or non-existent people voting), and unregistered/unqualified voters voting in an election. Human error is mainly a result of the local voting personnel using archaic methods for verifying the voter. Various techniques are used, but it is relatively easy to fake I.D. or possibly vote in multiple locations. Other issues, such as absentee ballots, receipts verifying electronic votes, etc., must be clarified further. Consequently, the government's ability to administer elections has been substantially eroded, and confidence in the ability of the government to administer elections has dramatically deteriorated.

Traditionally, voting systems around the world typically involve either paper ballots or mechanical counters. The paper ballots used in some areas may be as simple as a form onto which the selected candidate's name is written or an "X" is placed to indicate the candidate selected by the voter. Alternatively, the paper ballot may have holes punched therein adjacent to the desired candidate or ballot issue. With such votes, voters must only write on the ballot if a write-in candidate is selected. There are many disadvantages to such paper ballot systems. One is that paper ballots can become physically damaged or altered between the time the voter makes the selection and the time a ballot-counting machine eventually reads the voter's choice on the ballot. Another disadvantage is that voters can inadvertently punch the hole or place the "X" next to a candidate, which is different from what was intended by the voter. When this goes unnoticed by the voter, the voter casts a poorly designed vote. In addition, write-in votes must be manually verified by an election official, which is time-consuming and may be exceedingly tricky, depending upon the legibility of the voter's handwriting.

In many cases, the name written in it cannot be read, and the vote does not count. Also, paper ballots must be custom-printed for each election, with at least one ballot printed for each potential voter. Since these ballots are specific to a particular election, the costs are significant for each election.

Legislatures and other government officials are scrambling to find affordable replacements for outmoded and costly voting systems such as controversial punch-card voting machines, costly optical reader systems, and other current voting methods. Many states took notice of the problems associated with mechanical voting systems and responded by examining and, in some instances, installing new types of units, including electronic voting machines. However, problems are associated with adopting and using electronic voting machines. One such issue concerns the significant monetary investment. Since most jurisdictions use mechanical voting systems, adopting electronic voting machines requires the purchase of all new equipment. Economic efficiency militates against this solution. However, as the opportunity to use improved technology expands the range of choices, new solutions become feasible.

The design of a "good" voting system, whether electronic or traditional paper ballots or mechanical devices, must satisfy several, sometimes competing criteria. The anonymity of a voter's ballot must be preserved to guarantee the voter's safety when voting against an evil candidate and that voters have no evidence proving which candidates received their votes. The existence of such evidence would allow votes to be purchased by a candidate, for example. The voting system must also be tamper-resistant to thwart various attacks, including voter ballot stuffing and incorrect tallying by insiders.

In addition to the significant costs associated with replacing mechanical voting systems and purchasing electronic voting systems, concerns have been raised about the trustworthiness of electronic voting systems. A primary question raised is whether the electronic voting systems or their suppliers, can be trusted to provide the technology needed to record each voter's vote accurately. Commercial interests, partisan politics, and conflicts of interest persist to cloud these issues. Public confidence is an essential element and remains sorely lacking today, hence the need for improvements and better systems. The number of these adverse reports, coupled with the lack of "openness" of the technology (i.e., most, if not all, electronic voting systems use proprietary technology, which is not open to public examination), has led to a mistrust of available electronic voting technology, and the specific electronic voting machines used. More improvement must be forthcoming, concluding that authentication protocols must rectify longstanding needs.

Accordingly, an improved electronic voting system is needed to enhance voter identity authentication and reduce identity fraud associated with using and accessing third-party applications.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

My invention is a system and method that facilitates electronic voting using three-part voter identity authentication. It enhances voter identity authentication and reduces fraud when using and accessing third-party applications.

In the first implementation of the invention, a voting kiosk was provided to facilitate electronic voting using a three-part voter identity authentication, thereby enhancing voter identity authentication and reducing voter fraud. The voting kiosk comprising at least: a processor, a palm vein scanner, a Q.R. code reader, a display device, a graphical interface generator, a database manager, a communications interface and a memory storing instructions that when executed cause the processor to perform operations comprising: (i) receiving, from the palm vein scanner, a palm vein scan of a voter; (ii) determining whether the voter is a registered voter; (iii) if registered, retrieving a respective user profile for the registered voter from a plurality of user profiles for the registered user, the respective user profile comprising at least a DNA sample, a set of genealogical information and a palm vein scan; (iv) authenticating, using the palm vein scan received and the respective user profile retrieved, the identity of the registered voter; (v) if the registered voter's identity is authenticated, receiving from the registered voter, using the Q.R. code reader, a voter election code; (vi) determining whether the voter election code received is valid; (vii) if valid, authorizing voting for the registered voter; (viii) receiving and transmitting the registered voter's official ballot submission; (ix) issuing a voter participation receipt to the registered voter and transmitting a voter participation electronic notification; and (x) setting and transmitting a voter participation exclusion for the current election cycle specific to the registered voter.

In a second aspect, a method is provided for facilitating electronic voting using a three-part voter identity authentication thereby enhancing voter identity authentication and the reduction of voter fraud, the method comprising operations of: (i) receiving, from a user, a DNA sample, a set of genealogical information and a palm vein scan; (ii) creating a user profile, the user profile comprising at least the DNA sample, the set of genealogical information and the palm vein scan received; (iii) storing, in a database, the user profile created (iv) receiving, from a palm vein scanner, a palm vein scan of a voter; (v) determining whether the voter is a registered voter; (vi) if registered, retrieving a respective user profile for the registered voter from a plurality of user profiles for the registered user, the respective user profile comprising at least a DNA sample, a set of genealogical information and a palm vein scan; (vii) authenticating, using the palm vein scan received and the respective user profile retrieved, the identity of the registered voter; (viii) if the registered voter's identity is authenticated, receiving from the registered voter, using a Q.R. code reader, a voter election code; (ix) determining whether the voter election code received is valid; (x) if valid, authorizing voting for the registered voter; (xi) receiving and transmitting the registered voter's official ballot submission; (xii) issuing a voter participation receipt to the registered voter and transmitting a voter participation electronic notification; and (xiii) setting and transmitting a voter participation exclusion for the current election cycle specific to the registered voter.

In a third aspect, an EVote technology voting kiosk application (alternatively referred to herein as an "app") is provided for executing, on the voting kiosk or other hardware, operations comprising: (i) receiving, from a user, a DNA sample, a set of genealogical information and a palm vein scan; (ii) creating a user profile, the user profile comprising at least the DNA sample, the set of genealogical information and the palm vein scan received; (iii) storing, in a database, the user profile created (iv) receiving, from a palm vein scanner, a palm vein scan of a voter; (v) determining whether the voter is a registered voter; (vi) if registered, retrieving a respective user profile for the registered voter from a plurality of user profiles for the registered user, the respective user profile comprising at least a DNA sample, a set of genealogical information and a palm vein scan; (vii) authenticating, using the palm vein scan received and the respective user profile retrieved, the identity of the registered voter; (viii) if the registered voter's identity is authenticated, receiving from the registered voter, using a Q.R. code reader, a voter election code; (ix) determining whether the voter election code received is valid; (x) if valid, authorizing voting for the registered voter; (xi) receiving and transmitting the registered voter's official ballot submission; (xii) issuing a voter participation receipt to the registered voter and transmitting a voter participation electronic notification; and (xiii) setting and transmitting a voter participation exclusion for the current election cycle specific to the registered voter.

In a fourth aspect, the EVote technology voting kiosk app may be a mobile application executing on a mobile device wherein the device may be a smartphone, laptop computer, tablet, or wearable device.

In a fifth aspect, the registered voter's official ballot submission is captured using a distributed ledger technology (DLT) protocol.

In the sixth aspect, the distributed ledger is a blockchain.

In a seventh aspect, a method is provided for identity fraud detection with respect to the use of and access to any third-party application using the aforementioned three-part voter identity authentication, the method comprising operations of: (i) receiving, from a user, a DNA sample, a set of genealogical information and a palm vein scan; (ii) creating a user profile, the user profile comprising at least the DNA sample, the set of genealogical information and the palm vein scan received; (iii) storing, in a database, the user profile created (iv) receiving, from a palm vein scanner, a palm vein scan of a voter; (v) determining whether the voter is a registered voter; (vi) if registered, retrieving a respective user profile for the registered voter from a plurality of user profiles for the registered user, the respective user profile comprising at least a DNA sample, a set of genealogical information and a palm vein scan; (vii) authenticating, using the palm vein scan received and the respective user profile retrieved, the identity of the registered voter; (viii) if the registered voter's identity is authenticated, receiving from the registered voter, using a Q.R. code reader, a voter election code; (ix) determining whether the voter election code received is valid; (x) if valid, authorizing access to the third-party application upon a request from the registered voter for access thereto, and enabling the registered voter's access to the third-party application; (xi) issuing a third-party application participation receipt to the registered voter; and (xii) transmitting a third-party application participation electronic notification. In this way, by applying the three-part voter identity authentication technique, fraud detection and user identity protection can be facilitated and delivered to the access and use of any third-party application in which there is a need for robust identity authentication to reduce fraud.

In a further aspect, such third-party applications include but are not limited to verification of individual participation (VIP), international transportation and travel services (ITAS), employment eligibility U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Form I-9 services (I-Verify), electronic verification of transactions (EVT), a school attendance verification and eats (SAVE), a family united network (FUN), child abduction recovery education system (CARES), a food assistance programs (FAP), a census counting protocol (CCP), and a vaccination and authentication status system (VASS).

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2024 National Medal of Technology and Innovation

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Throughout my educational and business endeavors, I have maintained a standard of excellence, which has fueled my lifelong commitment to personal development and innovation.

I was inducted into the Junior National Honor Society and the National Honor Society during junior and high school.

My dedication to learning and academic excellence propelled me to graduate from Westport High School in an accelerated three years, earning honors and ranking 11th in a class of 145 in 1986.

My commitment to personal development extended beyond the classroom. I was selected to participate in a C.O.E. program, and during my final year in high school, I gained valuable professional experience as a federal student-aid worker at the General Services Administration (G.S.A.) in Kansas City, Missouri, procurement department, serving as a data-entry clerk.

I was selected to participate in a five (5) year federal indentured I.B.E.W. L.U. 124 electrician apprenticeship and obtain journeyman electrician status in 2002.

In 2011, I took part in the Google Fiber International Challenge competition. My idea of modernizing America’s voting technology using biometric technology earned me a place among the 19 finalists. While I didn’t secure the top spot, I was the sole candidate chosen for an interview by a local channel, the WDAF news station in Kansas City, Missouri, for my concept of EVoteTechnology.

I am an inaugural Ambassador of 2014 for the National Museum of African American History and Culture (N.M.A.A.C.).

Michael E. McKinzy, Sr, Patentee 04/29/2024

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Patents: **(Limit 1 page / 500 words)**

I have been granted two (2) United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) patents for:

ELECTRONIC VOTING IDENTITY AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, US11253,263 AND US11488272, issued March 1, 2022 and November 1, 2022 respectively.

My electronic voting identity authentication system and method employing a voting kiosk is provided to facilitate electronic voting using a three-part voter identity authentication, thereby enhancing voter identity authentication and reducing voter fraud. The voting kiosk employs a palm vein scanner and a QR code reader that uses a user profile comprising not just a DNA sample, but also a comprehensive set of genealogical information, and a palm vein scan that is specific to a particular registered voter. Upon arriving at a polling site to vote, the registered voter employs the voting kiosk to capture a palm vein scan that is used to authenticate the voter's identity. More than five million data points were captured from the registered voter's palm vein scan, which is utilized to identify each registered voter definitively.

The right to vote is a cornerstone of democracy. Government officials are concerned about the credibility of elections and want assurances that voting systems are designed to count every vote properly. Elections allow the populace to choose their representatives and express their preferences for how they will be governed. Naturally, the integrity of the election process is fundamental to the integrity of democracy itself. The election system must be sufficiently robust to withstand a variety of fraudulent behaviors and must be sufficiently transparent and comprehensible that voters and candidates can accept the results of an election. Unsurprisingly, history is littered with examples of elections being manipulated to influence their outcome. In the United States of America, the presidential elections of 2000 and 2020 highlighted, to the public, many problems associated with mechanical voting systems and associated voting issues such as claims of voting fraud. Unfortunately, in the annals of US election history, these elections will be remembered neither for any substantive policy nor historically significant political issues, rather for the now infamous controversy surrounding hanging chads and multiple recounts (in 2000) and claims of voter fraud (in 2020). In 2020, the election saw a record number of ballots cast early and by mail due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of a large number of mail-in ballots, some so-called voter swing states saw delays in vote counting and reporting. Another flaw in the current voting systems is the concern of people voting multiple times, of deceased voting (i.e., dead, or non-existent people voting) and/or unregistered/unqualified voters voting in an election.

Publication:

Embarking on a personal journey of writing and self-publishing, I had the pleasure of bringing my first book to life, titled: "EVoteTechnology® The New American Revolution"

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I have held a personal belief from a young age that poetry is the voice of the soul, and since we all have souls, we each have poetry within us; some are better able to express it. However, we can all improve by sharing it with practice and support. I began sharing my inner voice with the world in 1992 and have continued to share, hoping to inspire others to do the same. I started a company named Poetic Expressions, where I began sharing my poetry with the world.

The poems I've written, each a unique expression of my soul, have been filed with the Library of Congress as copyright-protected works. This recognition underscores the value and uniqueness of each piece, ensuring their preservation and protection for future generations to appreciate:

"A Black Man" 1993©, Register Number / Date: TXu000553041 / 1993-02-02

"Senses of Love" 1994©, Register. Number / Date:TXu000553042 / 1993-02-01

"Our Black Mothers" 1994©

The poems I've written, each a unique expression of my soul, which have not been filed with the Library of Congress as copyright-protected works:

"Victimless Crime" 1997©

"By Your Faith" 2008©

Building a world-class brand is not just about the product, but about the values it represents. For me, that means upholding the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and responsibility. These values, which I've endeavored to embody in each of the three (3) United States Trademark and Patent Office (USPTO) filed trademarks, are the foundation of my commitment to you, my customers.

EVOTE 2012 Voter Integrity Party LLC®, Reg. **No. 7,179,503**

EVoteTechnology®, USPTO, **Reg. No. 7,167,347**

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Michael E. McKinzy, Sr., Patentee - April 29, 2024

May 01, 2024

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee
c/o The United States Patent and Trademark Office

Attention: Linda Hosler, Program Specialist

Re: Nomination of Michael E. McKinzy Sr.
Dear NMTI Committee Members;

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I write this Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Michael E. McKinzy Sr., the inventor of EVoteTechnology. I am proud to say that he is not just a respected innovator but also my Brother-In-Law.

It is my opinion that Michael McKinzy Sr. has a deep compassion for civic matters both locally and nationally. Clearly, one of the most important and extremely necessary facets of obtaining justice, equality, and liberty for all Americans is having the right to vote in a free and democratic election. Unfortunately, we as a democratic society have yet to implement a system for which we can count on to deliver a way to acknowledge each individual's vote with the certainty of a verified identification that is indisputable.

While the idea of **EVoteTechnology** may seem too personal or invasive, consider that we, as a society, have already been completely exposed to fingerprint technology for electronic devices for some time now. So, it stands to reason that this type of personal identification and authentication would simply be a natural progression to guaranteeing secure voting practices.

Another simple thought regarding future voters is that since our American children are no longer consistently taught how to write in cursive at school, how are they to develop personalized signatures? Signatures have long been used to verify a voter's identity on ballots. It's a small consideration, but I believe it to be an important one worth mentioning. With **EVote**, the need for this type of scrutiny is eliminated.

Upon delving into Mr. McKinzy's work, I have come to realize the absolute necessity of this technological invention in combating voter fraud, identity theft, and numerous other issues. What a profound legacy to leave! This is why I firmly believe that Michael E. McKinzy Sr., the Inventor of **EVoteTechnology**, is more than deserving of this Recognition of Achievement Award.

Thank you in advance for considering this nominee.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Dear NMTI Committee Members:

Michael E. McKinzy is my client at The Patent Professor. I have worked with him to draft a patent application for EvotTechnology.

As a Patent Attorney specializing in IP, I have distinguished EVoteTechnology's contributions to our nation. EVoteTechnology is an invention that eliminates voter fraud. To further prove its originality, EVoterTechnology also provides authentication services outside of the voting process with ATMs and other transactions requiring identity verification.

McKinzy's invention holds the promise of safeguarding the integrity of our voting process. Moreover, it offers a reassuring layer of protection, ensuring that Americans are shielded from the threat of identity theft during ATM and point-of-sale transactions.

Sincerely,

John Rizvi, Esq.
Patent Attorney

May 01, 2024

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Dear NMTI Committee Members:

My name is Bishop Daniel M. Jordan. I am the Founder and Pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God In Christ. I have been the Pastor here for 65 years.

I have known Michael E. McKinzy, Sr., for 30 years. During this time frame, I mentored and shepherded him.

Michael's contributions were unique and impactful as a valued church member, mainly through his innovative electrical work. His dedication and work ethic were evident in every task he undertook. His invention of EVoteTechnology, a testament to his ingenuity, has significantly transformed our community. I am not surprised by his remarkable achievements.

Therefore, without hesitation, I recommend Michael E. McKinzy, Sr., for this Recognition of Achievement Award.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Michael E. McKinzy, Sr., for this award.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bishop Daniel M. Jordan May 03, 2024

Bishop Daniel M. Jordan, Pastor

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Dear NMTI Committee Members:

Michael E. McKinzy, Sr., is a Client/customer here with US Bank. As soon as I sat down with him I knew right then that he was Creating-Designing-Innovating something very special.

EVoteTechnology, a creation close to my heart, is a groundbreaking innovation that has the potential to eradicate voter fraud, a critical issue in our society.

As a banker, my utmost priority is to safeguard against fraud. This is precisely why I am nominating EVoteTechnology. Its potential to significantly enhance authentication services, not just within the voting process, but also in other crucial transactions requiring identity verification, is unparalleled.

Having had the privilege of learning about his work, I am truly inspired by Michael E. McKinzy Sr.'s dedication and ingenuity. It is my firm belief that he is a deserving candidate for the Recognition of Achievement Award.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this Nominee.

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